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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS. EB AND PM WILL NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

AF - WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLELE, JR.

SOMALI AMBASSADOR: SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU CALLED ON ME TO LEAVE A DIPLOMATIC NOTE CALLING FOR USG SUPPORT AT UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR ITS POSITION ON THE FRENCH-SOMALI SHOOTING INCIDENT NEAR THE TFAI-SOMALI BORDER RESULTING FROM THE KIDNAPPING IN DJIBOUTI OF 30 FRENCH CHILDREN IN A SCHOOL BUS. ADDOU STATED THAT SOMALIA SOUGHT MORAL SUPPORT AND CONDEMNATION OF FRENCH AT UNSC. I ASSURED ADDOU THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER SOMALIA'S VIEWS, BUT THAT ONE PART OF THE INCIDENT - THE INITIAL TERRORIST ACT - COULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE TOTAL INCIDENT. IT WOULD BE OUR AIM TO HELP RESOLVE THE SITUATION WITHOUT CREATING MORE DIFFICULTIES. I ALSO EMPHATICALLY DENIED THE ALLEGATION OF THE SOMALI AMBASSADOR IN NAIROBI
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REGARDING US-FRENCH COLLUSION IN THIS AFFAIR. AS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY, I SAID THAT WE HOPED SELF-DETERMINATION COULD PROCEED IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

BELGIAN MINISTER COUNSELOR: I HAD LUNCH TODAY WITH BELGIAN MINISTER COUNSELOR CAHEN WHO IS AN OLD ZAIRE HAND. HE SEES NGUZA'S REAPPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS PUTTING A STEADIER, MORE SOPHISTICATED AND MORE EXPERIENCED HAND ON THE TILLER.

CALL FROM NGUZA: NGUZA CALLED TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAS A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER WILSON THURSDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS IN NEXT FEW DAYS WITH GISCARD, SCHMIDT AND TINDEMANS. CAHEN CONFIRMED TINDEMANS APPOINTMENT. NGUZA ALSO TOLD ME THAT MOBUTU WOULD BE NAMING HIGH-RANKING AMBASSADOR TO THE US WHO HAS HIS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

TOMORROW: I SHALL MEET WITH AMB BAH OF G'INEA, AND HANAN BAR-ON, NEW MINISTER AT ISRAELI EMBASSY, AND ATTEND THE SWEARING IN OF OUR NEW AMB TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

ARA - ROGERS

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS -- I ATTENDED THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS OF BARBADOS AND PERU. THE NEW PERUVIAN REPRESENTATIVE, GARCIA BEDOYA, WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE SQUEEZED IN UNDER THE WIRE. HE WANTED TO BE ACCREDITED IN TIME FOR YOUR VISIT. HE MENTIONED YOUR TRIP TO THE PRESIDENT; THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT YOU HAD WANTED TO GO TO LATIN AMERICA FOR A LONG TIME. BARBADOS SAID HE COULDN'T THINK OF A SINGLE PROBLEM BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND OURS. (NEITHER COULD I.)

VOA -- I BRIEFED THE VOA WORKING STIFFS ON YOUR TRIP, ON BACKGROUND. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THEMES.

THE SPEECHES -- WE ARE ALL HUNKERED DOWN TODAY, PRODUCING NEW DRAFTS.
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BELIZE -- THE NEW BRITISH GOVERNOR GENERAL CAME BY. HE FEELS, AND RIGHTLY SO, THAT THE GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER WILL SET BACK ANY POSSIBLE MOVEMENT ON A UK/GUATEMALA AGREEMENT FOR MONTHS IF NOT YEARS. IT ALSO PROBABLY DIMINISHES THE THREAT OF A GUATEMALAN MILITARY MOVE AND WILL CAUSE THE BRITISH TO REASSESS THEIR PRESENT POSTURE THERE.

EA - MR. MILLER

HABIB SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. PHIL HABIB IS IN MICHIGAN TODAY FULFILLING A NUMBER OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. HE WILL BE BACK IN THE OFFICE TOMORROW MID-MORNING.

THAI AMBASSADOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. I ACCOMPANIED THE NEW THAI AMBASSADOR, DR. UPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN, THIS AFTERNOON WHEN HE CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS.

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EUR - HARTMAN

TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS. DURING A SESSION WITH SISCO AND MACOMBER, IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD USE MACOMBER'S TIME IN WASHINGTON IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAR AWAY AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF THE REMAINING ISSUES IN THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD SEE MACOMBER BEFORE HE RETURNS TO ANKARA NEXT WEEKEND.

FRG RELATIONS WITH THE GDR AND TURKEY. VON STADEN CALLED TO ASK IF WE WOULD WEIGH IN WITH BELGIUM, WHICH IS NOW NEGOTIATING A CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH THE GDR, ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE. I TOLD VON STADEN OF THE FIRM STAND I HAD TAKEN WITH GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER LAST WEEK AND SAID WE WOULD REPEAT IT TO THE BELGIANS. VON STADEN ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO GIVE A LEFT-HANDED APOLOGY FOR LEBER'S CRITICISM OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO TURKEY. ACCORDING TO VON STADEN, LEBER WAS CARRIED AWAY BY HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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TALKS WITH THE TURKS. I SAID THAT WE COULD NOT SAY SO PUBLICLY BUT WE AGREED WITH LEBER--THE SENATE ACTION WAS UNHELPFUL.

THE SVALBARD STUDY. DICK VINE GOT FINAL INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCE AT THE WORKING LEVEL ON THE SVALBARD NSSM WHICH WILL NOW GO FORWARD TO THE NSC FOR REVIEW BY THE UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE.

NEA - MR. ATHERTON.

1. SOBER AND I MET PRIVATELY WITH SAUDI AMBASSADOR ALIREZA TO FOLLOW UP ON MY EARLIER MEETING WITH HIM ABOUT THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY INDICATIONS THE SAUDIS WERE PLANNING TO ADOPT A STIFFER POLICY ON VISA ISSUANCE IN REACTION TO THE PUBLICITY HERE ON THE DISCRIMINATION ISSUE. I BRIEFED ALIREZA ON THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS WITH THE HIRC TO DEFEAT THE OPERATIVE SECTION OF THE SOLARZ AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF ANY MILITARY SALES TRANSACTION IF A VISA WERE REFUSED TO AN AMERICAN CONNECTED WITH THAT TRANSACTION ON GROUNDS OF RELIGION, RACE, ETC. I SAID THAT ANY PUBLICIZED VISA REFUSALS AT THIS STAGE WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THIS MATTER IN DIPLOMATIC

CHANNELS BETWEEN US. ALIREZA SAID THAT HE HAD ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY ISSUED VISAS FOR ALL TRAVEL PENDING IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES. THIS INCLUDES A VISA FOR THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WHICH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED WOULD NOT BE APPROVED. THEREFORE, THE POSITION WE HAVE BEEN TAKING WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS--I.E., THAT NO VISAS HAVE BEEN REFUSED FOR ANY OFFICIAL TRAVEL WE HAVE REQUESTED TO SAUDI ARABIA--STILL REMAINS VALID AND STRENGTHENS OUR HAND IN DEALING WITH THE CONGRESS ON THIS MATTER.

2. AN SFRC CONSULTANT (HUMPHREY FOREIGN AID SUBCOMMITTEE) AND AN SFRC STAFFER CALLED ON SOBER TO DISCUSS A STUDY THEY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PREPARE FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON OUR ARMS SUPPLY POLICY TOWARD THE PERSIAN GULF. (BOTH PERSONS CONCERNED HAVE RECENT EXPERIENCE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND ARE ALREADY QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE SUBJECT
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MATTER OF THEIR STUDY.) SOBER REVIEWED OUR BROAD POLICY INTERESTS IN THE REGION AS A BACKDROP FOR OUR ARMS RELATIONSHIP, PARTICULARLY WITH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. BOTH CALLERS SAID THEY ACCEPTED THE BASIC VALIDITY OF A CLOSE MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE TWO COUNTRIES AND INDICATED THAT THEIR STUDY WOULD FOCUS RATHER ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH "OUR INVOLVEMENT" PRESENTED PROBLEMS.

3. ISRAELI ECONOMIC MINISTER SHER CAME IN WITH THE REQUEST TO SOBER THAT WE UPDATE OUR POLICY INFORMATION HANDOUT ON U.S. POLICY ON THE ARAB BOYCOTT (THE EXISTING HANDOUT WAS ISSUED LAST APRIL) AND ALSO TO APPEAL FOR A MORE VIGOROUS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION. IN AN ACTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, SOBER EMPHASIZED THAT OUR ACTIONS STEM NOT ONLY FROM AN INTEREST IN EXECUTING THE WELL-KNOWN USG POLICY ON THE

BOYCOTT BUT ALSO FROM A CONVICTION THAT IT IS IN OUR BROAD INTEREST TO MAINTAIN A STRONG COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MAJOR ARAB STATES. HE SUGGESTED THAT EFFORTS TO PRESS US TOWARD A MORE FORCEFUL, ANTI-BOYCOTT POLICY AT THIS TIME WOULD TEND TOWARD PUTTING US INTO CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARABS AND ENDANGER SOME OVERRIDING OBJECTIVES WHICH BOTH ISRAEL AND WE SHARE. SHER, WHO REFLECTS THE NOT UNCOMMON HARD-LINE ISRAELI VIEW, LISTENED CAREFULLY BUT GAVE NO SIGN OF CHANGING HIS OWN MIND.

IO - LEWIS

1. A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT SOMALIA'S INSISTENCE IS UNDER DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK. THE COUNCIL HAS ASKED AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO OFFER HIS GOOD OFFICES TO THE FRENCH AND THE SOMALIS ON THEIR CONFLICTING VERSIONS OF THE DJIBOUTI EPISODE BEFORE

CALLING A FORMAL MEETING, BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT A MEETING WILL OCCUR ON WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH. THE FRENCH HAVE ASKED US TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO THEM.

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY

1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. FASCELL HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS AMENDMENT BANNING ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA BE DEFERRED UNTIL CONFIDENTIAL

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AFTER YOUR APPEARANCE WEDNESDAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HARRINGTON PLANS TO INTRODUCE HIS AMENDMENTS PROHIBITING ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE AND CHILE TOMORROW MORNING.

2. FASCELL HEARING ON AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO. WALENTYNOWICZ AND LAWRENCE OF SCA TESTIFIED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TODAY BEFORE THE FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE AND PROVIDED AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATHS OF TWO AMERICANS IN MEXICO. CONGRESSMAN GOLDWATER, WHO SAT IN AS AN OBSERVER, WAS "NOT IMPRESSED" THAT WE HAD MADE A STRONG ENOUGH STATEMENT OF CONCERN TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. FASCALL LIKEWISE REITERATED HIS COMPLAINT ABOUT THE LACK OF HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE PROBLEMS OF AMERICANS IN MEXICO.

3. SOVIET RADIATION - US EMBASSY. WE HAVE HAD WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE BEGINNING OF AN ONSLAUGHT OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES ABOUT THE TRUTH OF PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF RADIATION HAZARDS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW EMPLOYEES. THE RATHER STRICT PRESS POSTURE WE HAVE TAKEN IS NOT PROVING VERY ACCEPTABLE TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES. SO FAR, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STICK TO IT, AND THE IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF THE HOUSE ON RECESS TO JOIN THE ALREADY DEPARTED SENATE WILL CUT OFF THIS INTEREST BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, BUT THE PRESSURE WILL LIKELY BE THERE TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY. THIS IS THE KIND OF "SENSATION" THAT WILL COME BACK TO HAUNT US IN CONGRESSIONAL DEBATES OVER DETENTE.

4. GENERAL. ALSO DURING THE DAY, I MET WITH SISCO, ATHERTON AND OTHERS ON WHEN TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS ON THE HILL ON PROGRAMS FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND MOROCCO. I ALSO MET WITH JOHN SHERMAN COOPER TO DISCUSS HIS CONTACTS AND CONVERSATIONS IN THE SENATE, AND I CHATTED WITH BEN WELLES WHO IS DOING A PIECE FOR THE MONITOR ON CYPRUS.

TOMORROW: HIRC RESUMES MARKUP - SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL.

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- I CONSULTED WITH EAGLEBURGER AND OTHERS REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF RADIATION PROBLEMS IN U.S. EMBASSY
MOSCOW.

-- I MET WITH MAW ON VARIOUS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
QUESTIONS.

-- FELDMAN MET WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, EUR AND DOD TO
REVIEW THE "TECHNICAL" ISSUES REMAINING IN THE TURKEY
BASE NEGOTIATIONS. ONE MAJOR PROBLEM IS TURKEY'S APPARENT
RELUCTANCE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE END-USE REQUIREMENTS OF
U.S. LAW.

-- FELDMAN MET WITH THE GEOGRAPHER'S OFFICE TO ADVANCE
PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF CONTINENTAL SHELF
TALKS WITH CANADA ON FEBRUARY 17.

-- LEIGH AND SCHWEBEL CONFERRED WITH GREENWALD, BOEKER
ET AL ON ASPECTS OF U.S. POLICY ON EXPROPRIATION RAISED
BY (A) A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN VANIK INQUIRING WHETHER
THE U.S. PLANS TO TAKE MEASURES AGAINST VENEZUELA BECAUSE
OF THE OIL NATIONALIZATION; (B) A PROPOSED NOTE TO KUWAIT
RESERVING U.S. RIGHTS IN RESPECT OF GULF'S SALE OF ITS
REMAINING EQUITY IN KUWAIT FOR FAR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET
VALUE AND (C) THE QUESTION OF BRINGING TO THE ATTENTION
OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT
OF DEC. 30 ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND NATIONALIZATION.
PURSUANT TO L/EB AGREEMENT ON THESE ISSUES, SCHWEBEL
CIRCULATED REVISIONS OF THE THREE PERTINENT DOCUMENTS. INGERSOLL

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